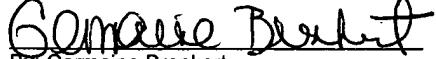


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of the first office action for the above-identified application, please amend the same as follows.